GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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GREEN CESS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a proposal to levy a `Green Cess` to mop up resources in order to achieve the target of extending the green cover to 33 per cent of the country`s landscape;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter has been discussed with the various State Governments; and

(d) if so, their reaction thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) A number of administrative and financial measures are being considered for achieving the target of increased forest cover. These are at an initial stage of examination.

(c) & (d) The subject has been discussed with the various State Governments in different fora. They have made several valuable suggestions.